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For: **STRUCTURE FOR WATERPROOFING TERMINAL-WIRE CONNECTING PORTION
AND METHOD OF WATERPROOFING THE SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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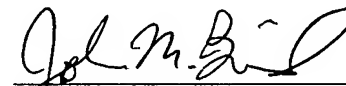
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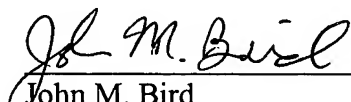
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